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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Alan E. Shluzas  
Serial No. : 10/087,489  
Filing Date : March 1, 2002  
For : AN APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING  
A LONGITUDINAL MEMBER TO A  
BONE PORTION  
Group Art Unit : 3732  
Examiner : Ramana Anuradha  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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